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LETTER DATED 20 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDONESIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT SOEHARTO, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

I have the honour to submit to you a document containing the statement by President Soeharto, in his capacity as Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, on the Nuclear Issue on the Korean Peninsula.

It would be highly appreciated, if you could take the necessary steps to include this document as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and at the same time to make it available to all member and non-member States, participating in the Conference on Disarmament.

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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM)
ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE
ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

As is already known, at the Tenth summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Heads of State/Government of the member-countries of the NAM noted and declared their support for the positive developments on the Korean Peninsula with regard to the objective of the peaceful reunification of the two Koreas as well as the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula as reflected in the agreement reached at the high level meeting between the two Koreas in February 1992. Also in this context, President Soeharto as Chairman of the NAM, after having carefully followed the current developments on the Korean Peninsula especially in relation to the nuclear issue which has subsequently emerged, has asked the Indonesian Minister for Foreign Affairs to give instructions to the Indonesian Permanent Representative to the United Nations to hold consultation with the NAM Coordinating Bureau as well as with the Member-Countries of the NAM caucus in the UN Security Council, with a view to considering the best steps to take in order to contribute to the peaceful resolution of the Nuclear issue involving the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). This issue has evidently drawn the attention of the international community as manifested by its being taken up in recent Security Council and General Assembly sessions.

In recent days the NAM Chairman has observed with concern the developments on this nuclear issue, especially after the postponement of the third round of negotiations between the United States and the DPRK, direct talks between the DPRK and the Republic of Korea, and the talks between DPRK and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). There is growing concern that, inter alia, the statements issued by the parties directly involved may lead towards the worsening of the situation which will ultimately affect the stability and security of the region in particular and of the ASEAN continent in general. On the other hand, President Soeharto fully realizes that the problem appears to be complex, difficult, and at the same time sensitive. It is in this regard that President Soeharto as Chairman of the NAM has asked the Head Executive Assistant to the NAM Chairman to continuously monitor the developments on this issue particularly by collecting as many factual information and data as possible which the NAM Chairman needs in weighing the steps that he may in due time take in order to alleviate tensions and help create a condition conducive to a settlement through negotiations. For that

purpose, the NAM Chairman sent the Head Executive Assistant to the NAM Chairman as his special envoy to meet with President Kim Il Sung and other high-ranking officials of the DPRK, on a visit which took place on December 18 - 21, 1993.

As Chairman of the NAM, Indonesia has always been informed by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) as a member of the NAM on the developments on the problem and has always had DPRK's assurances that it would seek a solution to the issue through negotiations. Indonesia welcomes the willingness of all the parties, expressed on various occasions, to solve the problem through negotiations. Indonesia, in its capacity as chairman of the NAM, therefore calls for the continuation of negotiations through the existing and ongoing dialogue forums such as the dialogue forums of DPRK-US, DPRK-ROK, and DPRK-IAEA, as well as other diplomatic efforts, so as to reach an agreement acceptable to all parties involved. While these efforts are in progress, Indonesia, as Chairman of the NAM, also appeals to all parties to work seriously for the creation of the conducive atmosphere needed for the expeditions conduct of these negotiations.

Indonesia believes that the solution of this problem could engender the growth of economic relations and cooperation that are mutually beneficial, while at the same time promoting peace, security and prosperity which have always been the aspiration of the NAM in particular and of the international community in General.

Jakarta, 5 January 1994